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Geology of Virginia Educational CD Now Available

- *Standards of Learning Emphasized on CD, Teacher's Manual* -

Richmond, VA – Students, teachers and others who are interested in Virginia's geology can now learn about it using a recently released CD and teacher's manual developed by Radford University in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Division of Mineral Resources. The high tech CD entitled, "The Geology of Virginia," is the first of a planned set of five CDs describing Virginia's geology and emphasizing the Virginia Standards of Learning.

The authors of the CD are Dr. Robert Whisonant, Dr. Parvinder Sethi, and Ms. Karen Cecil. Dr. Whisonant and Dr. Sethi are geology professors at Radford University, and Ms. Cecil is an award-winning Radford High School earth science teacher. The Geology of Virginia CD-ROM project was developed as a high tech educational resource that will help Virginia teachers and students meet state standards of learning guidelines in science.

Whisonant, Sethi, and Cecil have spent their careers in teaching and have ensured that not only were key earth science concepts taught on the CD, but that they were presented in an interesting and attractive way to encourage use by students and their instructors. The first CD, which provides background information on Virginia's geology, incorporates the use of slide shows and video complemented by audio narratives and music.

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Division of Mineral Resources as a contributing partner has teamed with the authors to review and provide input and material to the project. The Division is also the publisher and sole distributor of the CD-ROM and Teacher's Guide. Other contributors and supporters of the project are the Department of Education, Department of Environmental Quality, and the Virginia Aggregates Association and many of its corporate members.

Contact the Division of Mineral Resources at 804-951-6340 for ordering information.

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